

My name is Michael Coughlin and I am a resident of Dorchester. In recent years I have been diagnosed with bladder cancer, on more than one occasion, and kidney cancer. Currently I receive my care at Carney Hospital. When I received my kidney cancer diagnosis I was referred to Dr. Harry Turk who does robotic surgery at St. Elizabeth's. Dr. Turk successfully removed my cancer and saved my kidney.

Carney Hospital is one of 6 Caritas hospitals committed to caring for the local community. Carney provides top notch care to me and to my family right here in my neighborhood.

My son goes to BC high and has volunteered at Carney for the past year. Doing so has taught him the meaning of caring for others and has given him an opportunity to give back to the community some of the benefits that he has received. My second son will begin volunteering at Carney this week.

As a cancer survivor, knowing that Carney is committed to reaching out to the community to do cancer screenings as well as other types of preventative screenings is very encouraging.

Being able to receive our care without having to leave the community is a great advantage for parents of three teenagers with VERY hectic schedules. The presence of an acute care hospital in this community is essential.

The funding from this transaction with Cerberus will benefit all of us by bringing new physicians, new technology and improving the hospital's facilities. This transaction keeps the hospital in our community and improves the care we receive.

Thank you.